

the system computer for storing the blood component collection kit identifier in the memory and for associating the blood component collection kit identifier with at least one of the blood component donor identifier and the blood collection instrument identifier.

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67. The method of claim 66, wherein a separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier is receivable from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

68. The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

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APPENDIX A
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In the title:

[A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATING THE WORKFLOW IN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY] A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING A PROCEDURE IN A BLOOD COMPONENT COLLECTION FACILITY

At paragraph 2 at page 1, lines 5-7:

Related Application

This claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. [XX/XXX,XXX] 60/287,122, filed April 28, 2001.

At paragraph 2 at page 84, lines 1-12:

[A system for managing a procedure in a blood component collection facility is disclosed. The system includes a donor identifier, a blood collection instrument, system server, and a data interface. The donor identifier corresponds to a blood component donor. The blood component collection instrument collects a blood component from the blood component donor and has a blood component collection instrument identifier. The system server is operably connected to the blood component collection instrument and includes a software application that defines at least a portion of a blood component collection process. The management interface includes a reader and is operably connected to the system server. The management interface transmits the blood component donor identifier and the blood component collection instrument identifier to the system server] A system, method and computer readable medium for managing a procedure in a blood component collection facility is disclosed. The system includes a donor identifier, an operator identifier a blood collection instrument, system computer, and a data interface. The donor identifier corresponds to a blood component donor and the operator identifier corresponds to the blood collection instrument operator. The blood component collection instrument collects a blood component from the blood component donor. The system computer is operably connected to the blood component collection instrument and includes a software application that defines at least a portion of a blood component collection process. The interface includes a reader and is operably connected to the system computer. The interface transmits the blood component donor identifier and the blood component collection instrument identifier to the system computer.

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